Security Staff in Public Sector units

1386. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the public sector units in the Capital, such as Mother Dairy and Indian Oil Corporation, have been employing security and other staff through private contractors;

(b) whether Government are aware that 30 per cent of the emoluments paid by these units are actually pocketed by the contractors;

(c) whether Government are also aware that the contractors do not pay any statutory benefits, such as medical aid P.F. etc. to the contract labour and that their services are terminated before completion of five years in order to escape from payment of the above benefits; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to appoint a high powered Parliamentary Committee to go into this serious infringement of Government directives on contract labour by public sector units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) According to the information received from Delhi Administration, Mother Dairy and Indian Oil Corporation are employing some categories of workmen, including security staff, through contractors.

(b) to (d) No specific instances of his nature have come to notice. Whenever complaints of exploitation of labour or contravention of labour laws are received they are forwarded to the appropriate agencies for suitable action. The Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 does not envisage complete abolition of contract labours. It provides for its abolition wherever possible and regulation in other cases. There is no proposal to appoint a high powered Parliamentary Committee.

Poaching by a Diplomat

1387. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in 'India Today' of September 15, 1986 to the effect that a West Asian diplomat was caught while poaching;

(b) if so, the name of the country to which the diplomat belonged and the action taken in the matter; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to check the incidents of poaching by diplomats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Government have no information to confirm the veracity of the news report.

(b) Does not arise. However, Government have received general reports about diplomats not carrying the requisite licences engaging in game hunting in states adjoining Delhi.

(c) Existing regulations relating to game hunting apply as much to foreign diplomats as to other Indian or foreign individuals. These regulations have been repeatedly brought to the attention of foreign missions in Delhi.

Port calls by U.S. warships at Indian Ports

1388. SHRI SHARAD YADAV : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the January, 1985 issue of the publication Asian Survey, Vol. XXV, No. 1' about port calls by U.S. warships at Indian ports during the year 1984-85; and

(b) if so, what steps, if any, were taken to ensure that these warships were not